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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on **August 6, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Affirmation of Election** is on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

The **Conclusion** is on page 22 of this paper.